

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RULE FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENT REGISTRATION

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) will hold a hearing **Friday, October 29, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at UDAF, 350 North Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84116.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment on the proposed Food Establishment Registration rule. The rule sets forth requirements and procedures for the registration of food establishments to protect public health and ensure safe food supply.

Background: Due to the increasingly tight State budget constraints, the Utah State Legislature passed House Bill 283 in the spring of 2004. This bill authorized an annual food establishment registration fee. This type of fee program is patterned after similar programs that are currently in use by many other states. The fee schedules are based on parameters established by the Legislature and reflect the size, employee number, and complexity of operations that occur at each food establishment.

The rule can be found on the web at <http://www.ag.utah.gov>. Questions or written comments can be addressed to Becky Shreeve, Food Program Supervisor, Utah Department of Agriculture & Food, Regulatory Services at P. O. Box 146500 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6500, or call (801) 538-7149. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2004.